

SAYS NAVY FAILED IN FIRST OF WAR

Admiral Sims Testifies It Fell
Down Almost Completely
for Six Months.

500,000 LIVES SACRIFICED

Final Adoption of Policies He
Recommended Saved Situa-
tion, He Tells Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Rear Ad-
miral W. S. Sims gave the Senate naval
preparation committee today what he
regarded as indisputable evidence that
the Navy Department fell down almost
completely during the first six months
of the war.

Numerous messages sent by the Ad-
miral to the Navy Department during
the early days of America's participa-
tion in the conflict and other documents
were offered as proof that, despite the
efforts of the Navy Department, the
country's available vessels were sent to
the critical area of submarine activity.
The department neither followed his
recommendations nor informed him of
its plans and policies. Six months
after the United States entered the war,
the Admiral said, the department
had many of the policies he had
advocated from the first.

The lack of wholehearted American
cooperation with the Allies from the
first of the war until November, 1917,
when it could have been ended in
a needless sacrifice of 500,000
lives, an expenditure of fifteen billion
dollars which might have been saved,
and the destruction of 2,500,000 tons
of shipping.

The Navy Department had agreed
to be assisted, the United States
could have had 2,000,000 instead of
100,000 soldiers in France by the time
the Germans began their great drive
on the western front in March, 1918.

Learned Plans Accidentally.

Explaining that his recommendations
were made after conferences
with the allied naval commanders,
the Admiral said the failure of the Navy
Department to keep him accurately informed
of its plans and policies was a source
of great embarrassment to him.

He stated most of his information re-
garding American naval plans, he said,
was obtained accidentally at the British
Embassy or through visiting armed
forces.

When he recommended that the con-
veyer system proposed by British Ad-
miral Jellicoe be put into immediate effect,
the Admiral said he received a
rejoinder from Secretary Daniels stating
that "in regard to conveyer I con-
sider that American vessels have been
sufficiently guarded as far as sailing
independently." Later adoption of
the conveyer system he said indicated
the wisdom of his recommendation.

Taking up the submarine campaign, Admiral Sims
said that in June, 1917, he told the
department the efforts then being made
to guard the U-boats were not proceeding
with the necessary rapidity and that
sending all destroyers, tugs, yachts
and other craft which can reach the
central area by themselves or be towed
that way.

Needed All Anti-Submarine Craft.

The department in reply he said,
admitted that "the department recognizes
the necessity of sending all anti-subma-
rine craft which can be spared from
other waters to active European
waters, and when such craft become
available will send them," and announced
"willingness to cooperate in every way,"
and that it would consider the ques-
tion of supplying additional naval forces
under anti-submarine craft when
the advisability of so doing is just-
ified.

This reply, Admiral Sims said, con-
vinced him that the department en-
tirely misunderstood the situation and
expected him to appeal to Ambassador
Baker for assistance. In a letter to the
committee on June 25, 1917, he made
known the situation which brought the
present investigation, reviewed the
entire situation, caused from mis-
understanding, and concluded with the
statement that the situation created by
the loss of the ships "is not a matter of
a few months," for "if the ships
must be lost because the Allies can-
not supply them, the situation is a
matter of the rest of the war."

Further evidence to support his con-
clusions is expected to be presented by
the Admiral when he resumes the stand-
ing tomorrow.

GIRL ADMITS N. Y. MURDER.

Surrenders in Atlantic City—Says
She Slept Sister.

Elizabeth T. New York Herald
reporter, who was arrested in Atlantic
City after two days of wandering
through the streets, Maria Tucci, a
pretty Italian girl, walked into the city
last night and confessed to the murder
of her sister in New York City.
The girl, who is 21 years old, was
arrested because her sister wanted her
to meet with men, she said.

Miss Angelina Tucci, sister of the
girl in Atlantic City, was found
dead in her room in 92 West Houston
street, New York City, Monday morning.
The girl, who is 21 years old, was
in charge of the Italian squad
at the headquarters, last night sent
a man to question the prisoner.

Maine Trains All "Dog Out."

Portland, Me., March 10.—Full pas-
senger service was resumed today on all
lines of the Boston and Maine and
Maine Central railroads in this State
after intermittent stoppages and delays
due to storms during the past two
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PARLEY ON RAILROAD WAGES SUSPENDED

Neither Side Is Ready for
Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Negotiations
between the railroad executives' com-
mittee and the union representatives on
railroad labor's wage demands were sus-
pended temporarily tonight. The first
session found neither side ready and a
journalism was taken after brief discus-
sion.

The date for resumption of the con-
ference was left to the executives' com-
mittee. It was indicated that the second
meeting would not be held before Fri-
day, and might not be called until next
week. Each side desired to collect "cer-
tain information," the nature of which
was not disclosed, before continuing the
discussion.

Members of the executives' committee
were understood to have pressed for a
decision on the question of permanent
headquarters for the board. They pre-
ferred either Chicago or New York.
Union leaders opposed this, however, and
the question was laid aside for future
consideration.

The phase of the discussion was said
to have opened up the demand of the
union heads to have the records of
hearings conducted by the Railroad Ad-
ministration's wage adjustment board,
included in the new board's permanent
records as a part of the negotiations in
the present controversy. All of these
records are in Washington and would
have to be moved if another city is
chosen for a meeting place.

TRADE COMMISSION POWERS MADE ISSUE

Suit to Test Them Is Begun
in Ohio Court.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Suit to test
the powers of the Federal Trade Com-
mission was instituted today in the Su-
preme Court of the District of Colum-
bia by the Maynard Coal Company of Col-
umbus, Ohio, the first of several legal
actions planned by the National Coal
Association to determine how far the
commission may go in requiring private
corporations to furnish information of
their business.

An official announcement by the as-
sociation said the suit was started in a
friendly spirit and in no way consti-
tutes an attack on the commission.

TARRYTOWN PIG A BEAR.

Shepherd Employee Quits Chase
When He Learns Mistake.

Louis Murray, an employee at the
estate of Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, Tarry-
town, got up early yesterday morning
he suffered an optical illusion. While
he was hurrying along one of the
drives an animal hurried across in
front of him and headed for cover. Mur-
ray said he thought he heard the animal
grunt and assumed directly it was a
stray pig. He gave chase, but soon
found he couldn't catch the pig, and
on more speed and still couldn't
catch it.

The fugitive left Murray far behind
it decided to sit down and rest, and
while it was in this posture Murray
came up and found himself looking into
the eyes of a well grown black bear.
Murray left at once in the opposite di-
rection, returning later with a posse,
but brain had disappeared.

ACQUITTED OF KIDNAPPING.

"Daddy Sam" Bonesteel Gets Ver-
dict at Court's Direction.

At the direction of County Judge Dies
in Brooklyn yesterday a jury returned
a verdict of "not guilty" against "Daddy
Sam" Bonesteel, 157 Prospect place,
Brooklyn, who was accused of having
kidnapped Ruth E. King, the six-year-
old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard
R. King of 5422 Fourth avenue.

It was testified that to Bonesteel had
been given the custody of the child for
several years by the parents. They lost
sight of Bonesteel and their daughter
until last December, when they brought
both to the King home in South Brook-
lyn.

Bonesteel declared he would seek to
gain custody of the child through the
supreme court.

LACK OF CARS HITS TRADE.

Station Island Merchants Testify
in Traction Inquiry.

Several merchants were called before
the Richmond County Grand Jury at the
investigation of the troubles of the
Station Island Midland Railway Company
yesterday. Although no announcement
was made, it was supposed they testi-
fied as to their losses because of the
shutdown in trolley service.

J. E. Phillips, general auditor of the
company, and Federal Receiver Jacob
Burrows, who is a Commissioner of
Juries for Brooklyn, were the last two
witnesses. District Attorney Maloy said
there would be no positive developments
until the report of the auditors is sub-
mitted. If the books show a loss from
operation of cars, members of the Board
of Estimate may be indicted, he asserted.

VILLA CAPTIVE RELEASED.

American "Held for \$50,000 Ran-
som" Reported Freed.

El Paso, Tex., March 10.—Joseph
Williams, an employee of the American
Smelting and Refining Company, cap-
tured and reported held for
\$50,000 ransom by Francisco Villa.
The bandit had wrecked a train on
the Mexican Central Railroad last Thurs-
day, has been freed, according to a tele-
gram from Williams to his employers
received today.

Facts as to War Dead Asked.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Request
was made by the Senate in a resolution
adopted today for a statement from
the War Department as to its policy for
protection and disposal of American
bodies left in France.

Blue and White in Health Service.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Former Sur-
geon-General Rupert Blue of the Public
Health Service and Senior Surgeon Joseph
H. White were nominated today to
be assistant surgeon general at large,
Public Health Service.

\$166,493,990 MADE BY U. S. WITH SHIPS

Payne Gives First Complete
Report of Activities to
Senate Committee.

\$165,000,000 MORE IS DUE

Nothing to Be Asked of Con-
gress to Finish Work—Urges
End of Operations.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Government
operations in the shipping business re-
sulted in a net profit of \$166,493,990 up
to last June 30, Chairman Payne told
the Senate Merchant Marine Committee to-
day, making public for the first time
complete statistics covering the financial
aspects of the board's transportation
activities. This revenue does not include
unpaid balances due from other Govern-
ment departments, he said, adding that
the Food Administration owes the board
about \$18,000,000 and the War Depart-
ment about \$150,000,000.

On February 1, he said the board was
operating 1,577 bottoms of 3,532,000
deadweight tons, including 1,046 steel
cargo ships, 27 wooden vessels, oil
tankers and 16 refrigerated ships. A
total of 153 companies, he said, held op-
erating charters for vessels owned by
the board. On the first day of February
1919 ships were listed as "under repair,"
137 "laid up for winter" and 1,179 "in
actual operation."

Each of the eleven standard types of
ships owned by the board can be dupli-
cated in commercial yards at less than
their cost to the board, Chairman Payne
told the committee, submitting a table
of comparative cost and selling prices
for these types. The board's schedule of
selling prices per ton, he said, is higher
in every case than the estimated cost of
reproduction at that time, despite the
fact that four of the eleven types are
being offered at from \$2 to \$5 a dead-
weight ton less than cost.

Total of 197 ships sold.

The sales department up to February
21 had disposed of 197 ships for a total
of \$111,521,410, the chairman said.
Included in the total sold were ninety-
six steel cargo ships, twenty wooden
composite, five steel passenger and
cargo and one refrigerated. Deliveries
for ships to \$152,141,077.

The "active" construction programme
of the Emergency Fleet Corporation was
said to comprise 2,711 ships with a total
tonnage of more than 11,521,000 tons.
More than 14,000,000 tons have been de-
livered and 1,200,000 tons now are being
outfitted and about 2,000,000 are on
the ways. The balance represents ships
the kinds of which are yet to be laid
down.

Not one cent will be asked of Congress
by the Shipping Board to complete its
construction programme, Chairman
Payne said, since funds from operation
and sale of ships will take care of es-
timated expenditures of \$207,000,000
for the next fiscal year. He reiterated that
the Government should get out of the
shipping business as soon as possible
and stay out.

"Very much too much has been said
by private interests seeking to buy
ships," he remarked, "and some
people appear to have the impression
that Congress can be induced to force
the Shipping Board to sell its ships
for \$50 or \$100 a ton. This has made
many promoters who have held off,
but when the debate is over they will
move faster."

Board Wants New York Docks.

He asked only two sections be added
to merchant marine legislation, one
turning over to the Shipping Board the
North German Lloyd and Hamburg
line docks at New York, now under
Army control, and the other authorizing
owners of American vessels to obtain
Shipping Board permission before sail-
ing them to aliens.

Government operation of the present
fleet, Mr. Payne did not consider very
profitable, though the Government had
some cash from it.

"When the amount of the investment
is taken into consideration," he said,
and the fact that ocean freight rates
have been so high as to make conditions
extraordinarily favorable for ship opera-
tion, we cannot expect that to be a per-
manent condition.

Individual Americans, he said, could
operate ships successfully at a profit, in
competition with foreign owned vessels.
Any charges that the Shipping Board
had more accidents and difficulties in
operating vessels than could otherwise
be expected, he said, were disproved by
the fact that the insurance rate on the
Government fleet was only 3 1/2 per cent,
while the general commercial rate was
4 1/2, and that repairs were costing only
around 67 cents a month a ton operated.

Naval Repair Bill Again Urged.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Congress
was asked again today by Secretary
Daniels to appropriate \$5,000,000 for
the repair of warships. The Secretary said
he had expected Congress to act promptly
and consequently had omitted the ap-
propriation from the regular estimates
for the next fiscal year.

John Temple Graves Named.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—John Tem-
ple Graves of New York was appointed
by President Wilson today a member
of the Lincoln Memorial Commission,
in place of the late former Senator
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turn to Small Force of Ante-
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Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—By a ma-
jority of more than 3 to 1 the House
went on record today that the United
States Army should not lapse back into
the same state of unpreparedness that
existed before the world war.

Three times the House, in considera-
tion of the army reorganization bill,
refused to reduce the strength of the
army during the coming fiscal year from
the figure of 299,000 men and 17,500
officers, agreed to by the House Mil-
itary Committee after virtually the same
figure was recommended by Gen. Persh-
ing.

The efforts to reduce the strength
were led by Representative Dent (Ala.),
ranking Democrat on the Military Com-
mittee, who sought to defeat the selec-
tive service system when it was before
the House during the war. Every propo-
sal to reduce military plans was op-
posed by Representative Kahn (Calif.),
Republican, chairman of the committee,
who fought for selective service after
the Democrats refused to sponsor it.

Mr. Kahn sought to amend the
bill by restoring the provisions of the
national defense act of 1916 and by
making the strength of the army 185-
000, or 10,000 more than the pre-war
strength authorized. He insisted that this
was adequate for the nation's peace time
needs. His amendment lost by a vote
of 79 to 25.

Representative Jones (Tex.) then pro-
posed to reduce the size of the army to
125,000, the exact pre-war strength.
This was voted down, 75 to 25.

The third unsuccessful attempt was
proposed by Representative Harrell
(Ark.), who thought the size of the
army should not be more than 150,000.
The viva voce vote on this amendment
was so overwhelming that no record
was taken.

No action was taken by the House in
Committee of the Whole, but the ma-
jority was so conclusive there is no
doubt that similar amendments will be
defeated overwhelmingly if proposed in
the House proper.

Mr. Dent in his substitute army reor-
ganization plan also proposed a sep-
arate Air Service and the making of the
Air Service a special branch of the army.

LIBRARY RECORDS BROKEN.

Demand for Reference Books In-
creases Seven Fold.

Evidence of the investigating turn of
mind of the average resident of this
city may be found in the report of the
New York Public Library, just issued, in
which the trustees said that nearly
seven times as many readers availed
themselves of the privilege of the li-
brary's reference department as those
using the same department of the British
Museum. This is the record for 1919
and exceeds that of any previous year.
The trustees draw attention to the fact
that the reference department of the
British Museum is probably the largest
in the world, yet New York City recorded
a total number of 2,475,422 visitors to
its reference department.

Home readers have increased to 5,850-
548, making a total of 255,145 over the
previous year. The total of reference
applications was 992,758, and they were
supplied with 2,144,452 volumes.

Mr. Lewis Cass Lybrand, president of
the library, states that the library should
have at least \$100,000 a year to meet
its proper obligations, and especially to
rebind the books. The library is falling
behind in this at the rate of 45,000 vol-
umes a year.

ALLEGED RADICALS HELD.

Cases of 11 Paterson Men to Come
Up Again Next Monday.

Eleven of the radicals taken in the re-
cent Paterson raids were ordered held
for further argument at the close of
testimony at Ellis Island yesterday.
Their cases will be taken up again on
Monday. Henry Monell of Paterson,
counsel for the defendants, said the ac-
tion in requiring further hearings was
not to be considered as prejudicial. It
did not mean that the Board of Special
Inquiry had pronounced against the de-
fendants, he said, but only that it was
felt necessary to allow for summation
of evidence and brief final.

The rest of those arrested in the raid
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antee that they will obtain their re-
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WASHINGTON, March 10.—A financial
panic would be threatened by a large
issue of Government bonds to carry out
any of the programmes designed to aid
the service men, Representative Mondell
(Wyo.), the Republican leader, told the
House today during hearings on soldier
bonus legislation.

Increased taxes to raise the revenue
for the plans suggested would be most
unwise at this time, he added, although
suggesting that the only possible way of
raising the money would be through in-
creased consumption taxes. Other re-
sults would be a large decrease in the
market value of other Government
securities, a much greater inflation of
credit and the consequent "skyrocketing"
of prices, the Republican leader said.

Mr. Mondell postponed, however, his
direct recommendations on the soldier
aid question until after Secretary Hous-
ton, Assistant Secretary Leffingwell and
Governor Harding of the Federal Re-
serve Board appear before the commit-
tee tomorrow.

His position today, however, was
taken by both Republicans and Demo-
crats to mean that the Republican lead-
ers would oppose any large expenditure
along this line at this session. Demo-
cratic leaders are against the soldier
aid proposal, and it is considered doubt-
ful if any measure will be reported from
the Ways and Means Committee, despite
strong advocacy of such action by Rep-
resentative Fordney (Mich.), chairman
of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Fordney became quite provoked
today at the position taken by Mr.
Mondell and declared that when "it
comes to doing something for the sol-
dier the very immediately arises. The
country will go to the devil in hand-
baskets."

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